AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Paragraph [25] is replaced by the following paragraph:

[25] Because the secondary storage control unit 104 receives data updates asynchronously, the volumes 118 on the secondary storage control unit ~~106~~ 104 may not be consistent with the volumes 116 on the primary storage control unit 102. However, all of the volumes 118 from the secondary storage control unit 104 will be consistent at certain points in time. The consistent set of volumes (FlashCopy source volumes, also referred to as a "consistency group") at the secondary storage control unit ~~106~~ 104 may then be preserved via a point-in-time FlashCopy to the FlashCopy target volumes 120. Preferably, writes to the secondary storage control unit 104 are inhibited or otherwise prevented between the primary and secondary control units 102 and 104, while the secondary storage control unit 104 catches up with the updates. Once the FlashCopy is completed to the FlashCopy volumes 120, recovery from a subsequent failure in the primary or secondary units 102 or 104 may be possible by restoring to the prior point-in-time consistency group stored on the FlashCopy target volumes 120.